

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 17, 2002**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doug DeSanti, Dr. John Gallagher, Barbara Glickman-Williams, Bob Lashua, Dr. Kay Lewis, Marilyn Price, and Jerry Stein

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Patricia Ellis, Dr. Charles Finch, Donald Uhles, and Bill White

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Jesus Gomez and Mark Venuti

**BEMS STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Judi Crume, Victor Dominguez, Larry Heidenberg, Peggy Lahren, Larry Lorenzen, Mike Nervik, Susan Nicolas, and Woody Smith

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Education Committee was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Dr. Kay Lewis. A quorum was present.

**II. DISCUSS/AMEND and APPROVE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Dr. John Gallagher and seconded by Doug DeSanti to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

**III. DISCUSS/AMEND and APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Barbara Glickman-Williams, seconded by Doug DeSanti, to approve the minutes from February 22, 2002, as presented. Motion carried.

**IV. DHS REPORT/INFORMATION**

Victor Dominguez introduced Larry Heidenberg, the new Enforcement Program Administrator for the Bureau. Larry gave a brief background on himself. Dr. Lewis asked Larry if he is available to answer basic questions, not about their personal history, from prospective EMT-Basic students about their status because they don't know whether to invest \$500 in the program. Larry answered that he could take those types of calls.

Victor announced that he has recently mailed out a supplemental airway module to all BLS training programs. He hoped everyone received a copy and, if not, let the Bureau know and a copy will be sent.

**V. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Dr. Lewis gave a report about the EMSC meeting held on April 26<sup>th</sup>. She stated that all our issues were approved.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Curriculum for the Use of Nasal Narcan**

Dr. Gallagher reported that the MDC approved the addition of Nasal Narcan to the scope of practice for paramedics. No action by the Committee.

**B. Equipment List for BLS and ALS Training Programs**

The meeting of the volunteer group to work on this item was never scheduled. Dr. Lewis asked that a meeting be scheduled before the next Education Committee meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> and this item be placed on the Old Business agenda for the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. No action by the Committee.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Clarification of the Perception by the Bureau that there must be Hour-for-Hour Documentation for Anatomy and Physiology when Embedded in the Paramedic Curriculum**

A motion by Dr. Gallagher, seconded by Barbara Glickman-Williams, that we accept anatomy and physiology as part of the competency-based curriculum based on the training program's perception and assessments of the students' background. Motion carried.

**B. Status of EMT-Basic Challenge Courses – Where is it in the Rules Package?**

Victor Dominguez stated that these types of courses are in the Chapter 25 Draft Rules Package. Dr. Lewis asked for the status of the draft. Dr. Judi Crume replied that the Department is reviewing the draft and is hopeful the Revised Rules will be effective in December 2002. Dr. Crume also stated the draft would be available for review.

**C. Status of the Entire Rules Package**

This item was covered in Item B., above.

**D. LMA® in a Clinical Setting for Paramedic and EMT-I Students**

Dr. Gallagher motioned with a second by Chief Marilyn Price to accept using LMA® in a clinical setting for both Paramedic and EMT-I students. Motion carried – to EMS Council and MDC as an action item.

**E. Combitube® in Prehospital Setting for EMT-Basic**

A motion by Dr. Gallagher, seconded by Chief Price, to amend the scope of practice for an EMT-Basic currently certified in the State of Arizona to use Combitube® in a prehospital setting as an optional skill as approved by the hiring agency and the agency's medical director.

Motion carried – to EMS Council and MDC as an action item.

Barbara Glickman-Williams motioned with a second by Jerry Stein to accept Combitube® in a prehospital setting to be included in the initial provider courses for EMT-Basics as well as refresher courses.

Motion carried – to EMSC and MDC as an action item.

**F. Status of Education Committee Membership**

Dr. Lewis began the discussion by saying that we not only need to look at the vacancies of the Committee but also the structure. She then read out each category of membership in the Committee, who is currently in that category, and which categories are vacant. There are two categories that currently have vacancies: "Basic EMT from a metropolitan area" and "Non-EMS academic

representative associated with the Arizona Department of Education or one of the state's higher learning institutions.” It was suggested by one of the members that we might consider a category of an ambulance company or fire department that provides continuing education to its EMT-Bs and/or paramedics. Mark Venuti pointed out that quite a few members' terms have either expired or will be expiring this September and wanted to know if those people will be reappointed or will reapply? Dr. Lewis replied that this was an item that was going to be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting that was scheduled this afternoon but was canceled. Dr. Crume said that when the Executive Committee does meet, that's one of the items she wants them to definitely look at. Barbara Glickman-Williams announced that she has had a change of position and does not represent her category anymore so she is submitting her verbal resignation as of this day. Dr. Lewis accepted her resignation and wished her good luck in her future endeavors. Dr. Crume said that the Bureau will send out a form asking the members what their intentions are in reference to the Committee: would they like to stay in the category they are in now, would they like to apply for another category, etc. She will have this done before the next meeting in September. Action: This needs to be an informational item to the EMSC.

#### **VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Barbara Glickman-Williams asked about Bureau funding for EMT-I transition courses. Victor Dominguez responded that each Regional Council is supposed to put aside money for this type of funding. Barbara asked Dr. Gallagher if he was aware of AEMS doing that. Dr. Gallagher answered he was not. Barbara then asked if the Bureau could issue a letter to all the Regional Councils requesting that they put aside money for educational funding. Dr. Lewis brought up the fact that when we did the new EMT-Basic curriculum, the Bureau funded transition programs and they were not funded through the Regions. She doesn't know where the Bureau got the funding, but they did have it. Dr. Crume stated she would have to research this item and write the appropriate correspondence. Barbara asked if this item could be placed on the next meeting's agenda and Dr. Lewis agreed.

#### **IX. MEMBERS' EDUCATIONAL and INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None to report.

#### **X. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Education Committee is scheduled for September 27, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. Agenda Items that will be forwarded to the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting (under “Old Business”):

1. Equipment List for BLS and ALS Training Programs
2. Funding for EMT-I Transition Programs
3. Status of the Rules Package

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Gallagher motioned for adjournment, Jerry Stein seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Approved by Education Committee 9/27/02